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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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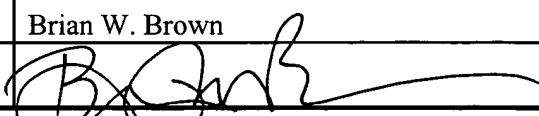
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application No.	09/542,551
Filing Date	04/03/00
First Named Inventor	Yuji KOIDE
Group Art Unit	2626
Examiner Name	Worku, Negussie
Atty Docket No.	1232-4623

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**
- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
iii. ☐ Other:
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply  
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv. ☒ Other - Preliminary Amendment
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. Other:
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed
- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4503.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)  
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)  
iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Checks in the amount of: \$790.00, (RCE fee) are enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 Order No. 1232-4623

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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PATENT

Docket No. 1232-4623

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : KOIDE  
Serial No. : 09/542,551 Art Unit : 2626  
Filed : April 3, 2000 Examiner : N. Worku  
For : IMAGE-SENSING METHOD AND APPARATUS,  
CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREFOR,  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop - RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

Kindly enter this Preliminary Amendment, which is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) as a submission under 37 CFR § 1.114.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to continued examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 9 of this paper.